



Mr. David L. Middleton

March 7, 1946 - February 28, 2024

David Lynn Middleton, 77, went to his eternal reward from his residence on Wednesday, February 28, 2024. He was born on March 7, 1946 in Muskegon, MI, to Harold and Helen (Davidson) Middleton. He lived for the last five years in Lakeland, FL. David was married to Marilyn (Zook) Middleton for the last 55 years. He enjoyed his life's calling to Missions and telling others about Jesus.

He was saved at a very young age, and soon after, he felt the Lord calling him to be a missionary. As a child, his mother explained to him that this calling would be for when he was grown and had completed his studies.

David was an ordained minister with the Allegheny Wesleyan Methodist Connection. His first pastorate was in Buckhannon, WV (1969-1973). He then spent six years as a missionary working in Peru. In interim years, he was a pastor at Highland Park, North Canton, OH, (1986-1988) and Tarentum, PA, (1992-1994.) Most of his life and until retirement, David worked for Evangelistic Faith Mission in the Dominican Republic and Cuba. He learned to love these people as family, and was happy he could still have contact with them in these last years through modern technology. Only heaven will reveal the lives that were changed by his ministry.

He is survived by his three children, David (Jeri) Middleton, Melody (Tony) Guevara, and Michelle (Victor) Philpot, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Avis Lawson, a brother Harold (Linda) Middleton and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Evangeline, two brother-in-laws and a sister-in-law.

A celebration of life service will be held at the Iglesia Evangelica de Santidad/God's Missionary Church, 306 West Patterson Street, Lakeland, Florida 33803, on Thursday, March 14th. The church will be open for visitation at 10 a.m. The service will begin at 11 a.m. His remains will be placed in a local memorial garden: Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **14.** 10:00 AM (ET)

Iglesia Evangelica de Santidad/ God's Missionary Church
306 W Patterson St
Lakeland, FL 33803

Tribute Wall

HP

“ So glad to have gotten to know Dave these last ten years...and of course still Marilyn. He left the lives he touched a bit more loving. I will remember his humble love - Henry (Phil) Philpot

Henry Philpot - March 15, 2024 at 06:23 PM

OD

“ Omar and Teresa Sanchez Ovalles, from DR planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David L. Middleton.

Omar and Teresa Sanchez Ovalles, from DR - March 14, 2024 at 01:14 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. David L. Middleton.



March 14, 2024 at 01:14 PM

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“ La familia Marrero Almonte, les damos las gracias a Díos por habernos permitido conocer y ser enseñado en los caminos de Díos por la familia Middleton, el pastor siempre será especial para nosotros.

Patricia Almonte y familia - March 14, 2024 at 08:37 AM

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“ Iglesia Evangelica De Santidad RD purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. David L. Middleton.



Iglesia Evangelica De Santidad RD - March 13, 2024 at 06:51 PM

FC

“ Florida GMC conference planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David L. Middleton.

Florida GMC conference - March 11, 2024 at 09:46 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. David L. Middleton.



March 11, 2024 at 09:46 AM

DF

“ Dayami and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. David L. Middleton.

Dayami and family - March 03, 2024 at 06:03 PM

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“ *Dayami and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Mr. David L. Middleton.*



Dayami and family - March 03, 2024 at 06:03 PM

AN

“ *Mi nombre es Andy, doy gracias a Dios por poner a Don David en mi camino, fue la persona que Dios uso para mostrarme su amor y guiar mi vida en un periodo de mucha confusión, gracias a él pude comprender las escrituras y descubri las maravillas que Dios nos dejó plasmada en ella, su vida fue un ejemplo de integridad y entrega a Dios que motivo mi decisión para que hoy sea pastor.*

Andy - March 03, 2024 at 07:11 AM

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“ *My name is Celida Rivas, from the Dominican Republic, I was saved at the Iglesia Evangelica de Santidad when Pastor David was pastor. He teach us to be real disciples of Christ both by the Bible, teachings and his live. I'm very thankfull than God made happen to meet him and his family when I was young. Teh teachings he gave us still are with me as I'm the wife of a pastor. Thank God for the lives of pastor David and Doña Marilyn.*

Célida Rivas - March 03, 2024 at 06:46 AM